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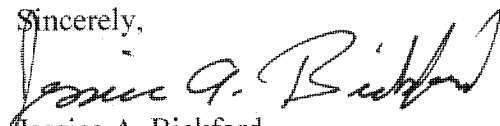
Dear Members of the National Organic Standards Board,

I just learned that you are considering allowing cows that are being raised entirely indoors, never seeing natural daylight, to be considered organic. Please do not take this step. There are a couple of reasons for this.

1. Organic farm raised meat just tastes better. It is important for cows to get the proper nutrients through the sun and fresh grass. I would hate to think I was spending more to get this higher quality meat and then find that I'm not receiving the quality I paid for or expected. What a disappointment. I shop at our local butcher shop to avoid this problem.
2. Most people who tend to buy organic tend to do so because it lends itself to the thought that the animals we are eating are being treated well. If a cow never sees daylight that is not natural.

Please vote against this idea that cows being raised entirely inside to be classed as organic.

Sincerely,


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